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To ITU Member States, Sector Members,

Associates and Academia

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Subject: Invitation to the Launch of Space Connect

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to join us for the launch of Space Connect, a comprehensive new program of online sessions as part of ITU's 'Space for Good' initiative. Space Connect will explore technical, policy, and regulatory developments in space communications, the growing space economy, and sustainability. Through regular webcasts throughout 2025 and beyond, this program will bring together experts to discuss critical topics, including innovations in satellite technology, opportunities in space-based services, and strategies for ensuring a sustainable future in outer space. I will open our inaugural session, "LEO Satellite Systems Fundamentals", taking place on 30 January 2025 from 14:00 – 16:00 CET. A full programme and speakers list to follow. In this first of the sessions, we'll explore how modern satellite constellation networks are built, setting the stage for future discussions on regulation and the crucial ground infrastructure that makes it all possible.

To help us shape the content of Space Connect, we invite you to participate in a brief survey to better understand the priorities of ITU members and highlight the topics you would like to see covered. Please complete the survey here.

Additionally, ITU will be launching a comprehensive Space for Good Toolkit in 2025. This digital resource hub will complement the Space Connect series by providing curated educational materials, best practices, and technical resources to support stakeholders across the space sector.

You can register for our inaugural session <u>here</u>. For ongoing updates about Space Connect and to discover upcoming sessions throughout the year, please visit <u>our website</u>.

I look forward to your participation in this important initiative

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Doreen Bogdan-Martin Secretary-General